

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to  
3 express their sincere condolences to the family and friends  
4 of Orville F. Helms of Palatine, Illinois who passed away on  
5 March 24, 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, Orville Helms was born in Palatine on April 17,  
7 1913; he married his high school sweetheart, Bernice M. Wente  
8 on June 1, 1938; and

9 WHEREAS, Orville Helms joined the Palatine Volunteer Fire  
10 Department in 1937; from 1945 to 1948 he served as a Palatine  
11 police officer; he was elected chief of the Volunteer Fire  
12 Department in 1953, and became the first full-time fire chief  
13 of Palatine in 1960; after 42 years of service, Mr. Helms  
14 retired in 1979; and

15 WHEREAS, Orville Helms was a member of St. Paul United  
16 Church of Christ; he was a charter member of the Palatine  
17 Rotary Club and the Over the Hill Gang of Palatine; and

18 WHEREAS, The passing of Orville F. Helms will be deeply  
19 felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife,  
20 Bernice; his sons, Orrin (wife, Gloria) Helms and Allen  
21 (wife, Melody) Helms; his daughter, Carol (husband, Bill)  
22 Gitzke; his grandchildren, Brad (wife, Jerri) Helms, Darcy  
23 (husband, Ed) De Luga, Shelly (husband, Marty) Van Anrooy,  
24 and Bill Gitzke; and his six great-grandchildren; therefore,  
25 be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
27 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
28 his family and friends, the death of Orville F. Helms; and be  
29 it further

30 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
31 presented to the family of Orville F. Helms.